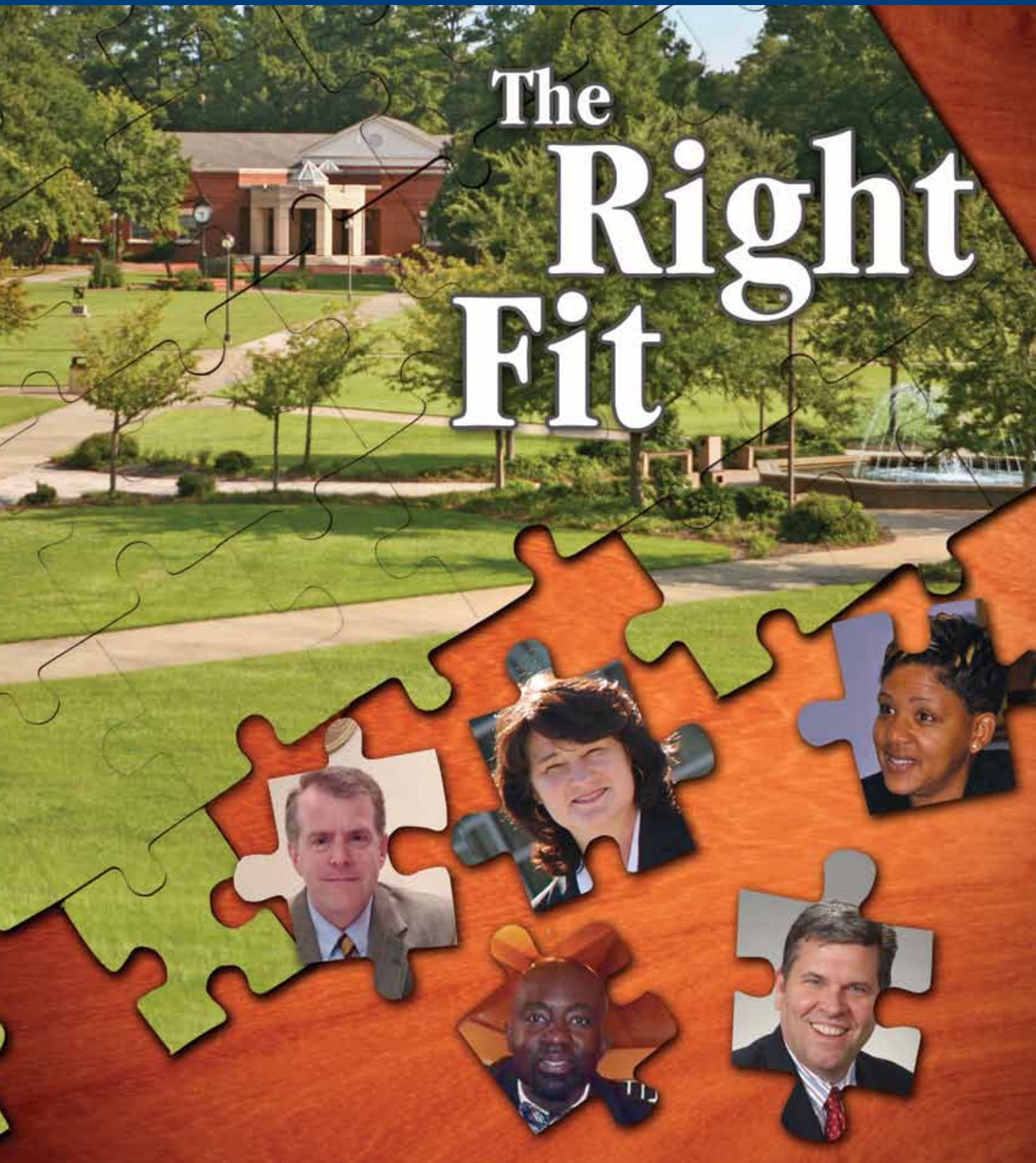


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The Right Fit



President's Letter



President Carter

Dear Friends:

This issue of the *VIEW* has a celebratory theme. It focuses on those alumni who have achieved “just the right fit” between their FMU education and their career choices. Of course, these articles highlight more than just the appropriate career choices. They feature alumni careers that have been enormously productive as measured against any credible criteria of accomplishment.

The common factor in all of these stories is the quality education acquired at FMU - the curriculum, the faculty, the classmates, and an environment that stimulates and rewards learning. In four decades at FMU(C), these imperatives have never changed, and they never will.

Enjoy reading about our success.

Sincerely,

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Luther F. Carter
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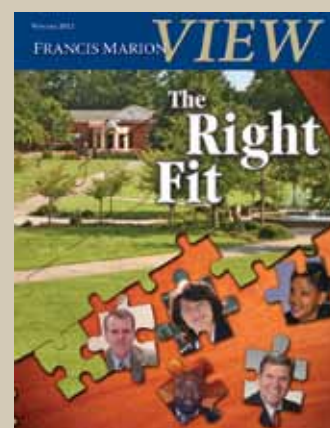
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The Cover



Francis Marion University alums search and often find "The Right Fit" in the job market once they graduate. They attribute much of their success in their professions to their choice in university. Throughout this magazine are profiles of a sampling of our graduates in various fields. There are others not mentioned and we would like to tell their stories as well. Submit your story to www.fmarion.edu/alumni.

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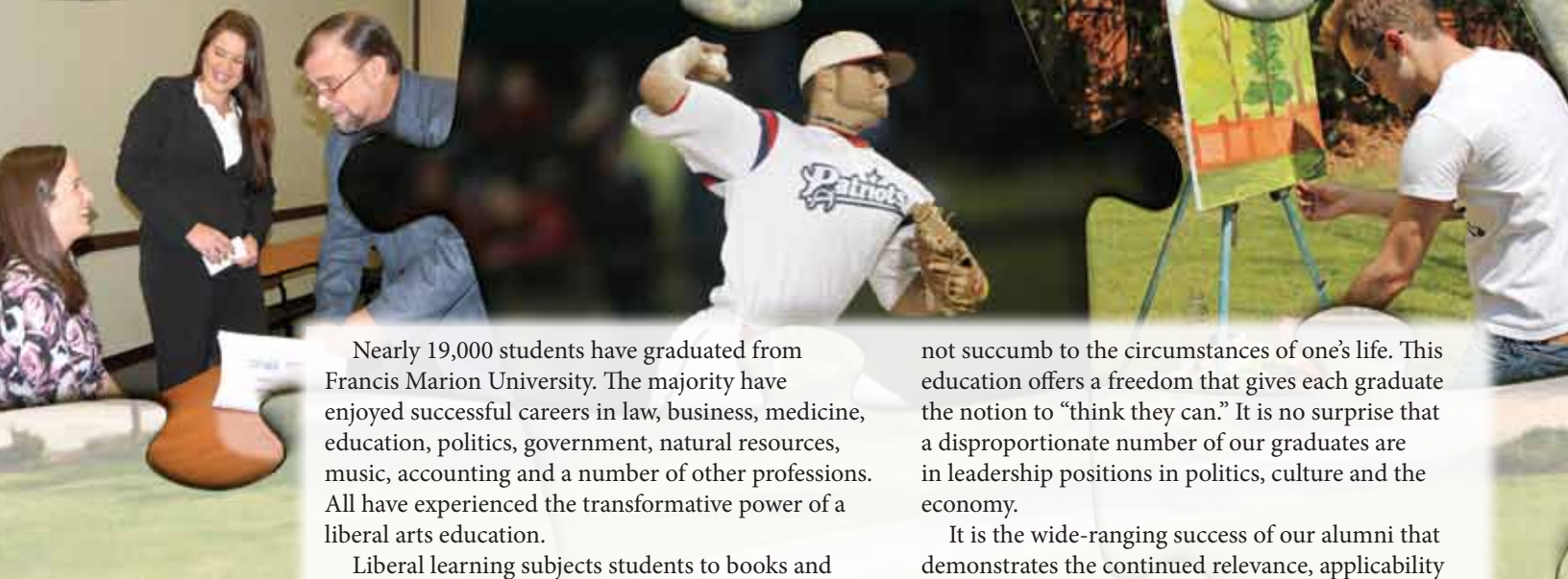
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FMU is the Right Fit



Nearly 19,000 students have graduated from Francis Marion University. The majority have enjoyed successful careers in law, business, medicine, education, politics, government, natural resources, music, accounting and a number of other professions. All have experienced the transformative power of a liberal arts education.

Liberal learning subjects students to books and the music, the science and the philosophy that form disciplined yet innovative patterns of thinking that do

not succumb to the circumstances of one's life. This education offers a freedom that gives each graduate the notion to "think they can." It is no surprise that a disproportionate number of our graduates are in leadership positions in politics, culture and the economy.

It is the wide-ranging success of our alumni that demonstrates the continued relevance, applicability and importance of an FMU education.



Daniel Hyler

The Right Physician

Choosing the right doctor can be a confusing process, but it doesn't have to be. So rather than jumping right in to healthcare provider directories online, the best way to start is good old-fashioned word of mouth.

It is well known throughout the community that a physician who completed undergraduate studies at Francis Marion University, is the right physician.

Board certified in Family Medicine, Dr. Daniel Hyler graduated cum laude with two bachelor of science degrees from FMU ('81, '82). He received his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston and completed his internship and residency in Family Medicine at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

This son of a railroad worker came from a family that kept a desperate finger hold on a working-class existence.

One of five children, Dr. Hyler was a first generation college graduate and had a late start getting there. Upon graduating high school, he worked in his family grocery store on Oakland Avenue for five years. It was then that he realized he would need a college education to pursue his dreams of becoming a dentist. Dr. Hyler later decided on a career in family medicine.

A Family Medicine Physician in Florence since 1988, Dr. Hyler is a member of the South Carolina Medical Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Academy of Family Practice and as President of the Florence County Medical Society. He has also been a member of the Florence National Bank Board of Directors since 1998.

He now serves on the McLeod Foundation board and is employed by McLeod.

Dr. Hyler and his wife, Debbie, have three children: Jonathan, Jennifer and Julia.

He and Debbie (director of The School Foundation, supporting Florence School District One) are both graduates of FMU and both majored in biology and minored in chemistry. The two continue to use the knowledge they gained as students at FMU to build the practice and impact public education in their community.



The Right Entrepreneur

**Tim Norwood
(r) and his wife,
Anne**

What do J.K. Rowling, Bill Gates, Colonel Sanders, Walt Disney, Thomas Edison and FMU Alumnus Tim Norwood '78 all have in common?

They all failed on numerous occasions before becoming the entrepreneurs they are today. It's often said that success is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration. For these eventual business successes, it might be said that success is ninety percent failure.

It was an interview held on the FMU campus with Milliken textile company that began the career of Norwood. The job relocated him to Austin, Texas. While there, he became a territory manager for Insurance Administrative Services and opened an additional branch in Florence. In 1981, Norwood moved back to Darlington to work the family real estate business, which was successful for a number of years.

When the housing market crashed in the mid to late 80s, Norwood lost everything. To recoup his losses, he sold mobile homes, tried several other business ventures and for a while was unemployed. His personal life was in turmoil during this time as well. It wasn't until he became a mobile home broker that Norwood began to see the light of day.

With his new business doing quite well, Norwood was approached by James Brown to earn equity in his newly purchased business, SMS. Now ADP Tax Credit Services, SMS became decidedly successful. At present, Norwood's entrepreneurial footprint can be seen throughout Florence with the full support of his wife Anne.

A few of Norwood's current ventures:

- Hotel Florence with partners attorney Ben Zeigler, the Raines Hotel Group, architect Randy Key and Pearce Land Co. LLC.
- J.L. Barringer Building
- Renovation and relocation of Victor's Bistro

Norwood was born in Darlington on October 11, 1955. Active in the Boy Scouts of America from a very early age, he went on to eventually achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, a high honor in the nationwide scouting organization.

Norwood was brought up in the Darlington school district and attended Pate Elementary School, Brunson-Dargan Junior High School and St. John's High School before finishing his high school education at the newly established Darlington Academy, from which he graduated in 1974.

During Norwood's junior year, he served as student body vice president and earned his God & Country Award from the Boy Scouts of America. In his senior year, Norwood was selected to serve as captain in both soccer and basketball while simultaneously serving as student body president.

Norwood set his sights on contributing to the Francis Marion College community. In 1974, he enrolled at the college, majoring in political science with a minor in history.

A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Norwood was elected pledge class president as a freshman and held various additional responsibilities in later years. His senior year, the student body of Francis Marion College elected Norwood as president of the Student Government Association.

After graduating, Norwood was one of three hundred interviewees, and one of six hired by Milliken.



The Right Salesman

As we all know, life takes some strange twists and turns sometimes. For Marc Barnhill, those twists and turns took someone who grew up in small towns in North and South Carolina including Florence, Marion and North Myrtle Beach to Francis Marion University. And from there it took the 1988 FMU graduate with a major in political science and minor in history to a management training job with Grace Equipment Company in Charleston.

Not long after that Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston. After surviving that storm, Barnhill decided while he was still young he would take a chance and move to Texas. Not long after getting to Houston, he took a job with a small Texas company. Today, that small company, Smith & Associates, which distributes electronic components, has offices worldwide. Barnhill leads the company's sales, business development, and marketing efforts. After joining the electrical component company as a buyer in 1990, he has since held a number of management roles, including establishing the distributor sales division in 1992 and managing the company's top sales team. He was promoted to Vice President, Trading in 1996 and to his current role in 2007.

Not only did he find his career in Texas, he found his wife. They have three children and live in Houston. Barnhill still gets back to South Carolina to visit his mother who lives in Forest Acres.

Talking by phone from his company's New York office, the FMU graduate, who once thought about going to law school, credits his political science and history courses with helping him to be able to communicate, deal with others and to think on his feet. He says his sales ability is what has allowed him to succeed. He especially remembers retired political science department chair Dr. Neil Thigpen and the late Dr. Wayne King, his adviser, as professors who stood out during his college years.

Today, he would tell students considering Francis Marion about its very friendly environment, smaller, more manageable class size and its pretty campus.

In other words, the school has all the right components to allow someone to succeed just like it did for him.

**Marc
Barnhill**



The Right Musician

Oscar C. Gregg III was born in Florence and was raised in McBee. He has more than 30 years of broad-based expertise as a musician and musician trainer. He has trained and mentored countless musicians and singers; taking them to a higher level of effectiveness, clarity, and purpose as music leaders. Gregg is the founder and president of Racso Music Enterprises, LLC (R.M.E.), The Levitical Academy of Music (L.A.M.), and Divine Spear Ministries, Inc. (D.S.M.). In addition to The Gregg Method, he is also the author of The Comprehensive Piano and Keyboard Series (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels).

Gregg is descendant of a long history of musicians in his family on both sides. He began playing the piano by ear at the age of five years old after being influenced by his aunt Rose Williams. Gregg was first given the opportunity

**Oscar C.
Gregg III**

The Right Educator

As superintendent of Darlington County Schools since 1999, Dr. Rainey Knight is responsible for 23 schools serving approximately 11,000 students in grades K-12.

After graduating from Francis Marion University in three years in 1977 with a degree in biology, she went on to earn a masters and doctorate at the University of South Carolina.

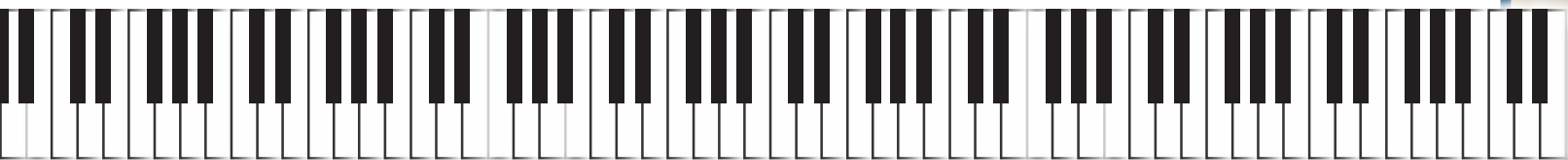
But she says those years at FMU helped make her first into a successful teacher and now administrator.

"I absolutely wouldn't be here if it wasn't for FMU. Any college degree opens doors – helps your confidence. Gives you a knowledge base. I am indebted to the school for helping me become the person I am today," said Knight.

And even though she is now an administrator, she is a teacher at heart and treasures it when former students come up to her and tell her what a difference she made in their lives. And she thinks back to professors Richard Henderson in organic chemistry and Neil Thigpen in political science who helped her so much. She also says the camaraderie between students and faculty and among students themselves also helped make her three years such a special time.

Today she would tell potential students about the small classes; relationships; the quality and background of the professors who have a real world knowledge; and the affordability of the school. And as an administrator she says she finds that FMU graduates are prepared, trained and very competent.

In other words, it was the right education for her and it can be for others as well.



to play the Hammond Organ at the age of ten years old while accompanying his aunt to a combined choir rehearsal that she played for at the time. He fondly remembers playing "Jesus is Mine" on the Hammond Organ. From then on, he gravitated to the Hammond Organ. Gregg went on to take formal piano lessons under the tutelage of Stephanie Clark-Tiller of McBee, continuing his lessons for three consecutive years. While attending Francis Marion University, Oscar underwent an additional two years of formal training in piano under the profound guidance of Dr. Benjamin C. Woods.

Professionally, Gregg is a South Carolina state certified public school educator and instructor of Intermediate English-Language Arts in Florence. He is a 1999 and 2004 graduate of Francis Marion University.

Over the years, Oscar has served as the musician for a number of churches and music groups. Presently, he serves both as the Minister of Music and Executive Director of the Music Department at Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Inc., in Florence, under the leadership of Bishop Kenneth J. Swaringer. Gregg has accompanied many notable gospel music artists and ministers of the gospel, and assists several churches and ministries with music support. He travels extensively across the country each year as minstrel, chief musician, student, and speaker. In addition to playing keyboard instruments, the former high school assistant drummer major also plays the alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones, and presently aspires to learn to play bass guitar. He is also an avid runner and sports enthusiast.



**Judge
Jay Vinson**

The Right Jurist

After finishing Francis Marion in three years with a degree in biology '81 and plans to go to medical school, Jay Vinson literally changed course and now 33 years later he is a Family Court Judge.

And he has no regrets. He says the move was the "right verdict" for him. And he credits his education at FMU for preparing him for his career and the challenges and obstacles he has overcome to get there.

When he completed his degree requirements and was preparing to enter medical school, he had a change of heart – deciding he wanted to attend law school instead. So, with one year left on his scholarship at FMU, he used that time to take the courses he felt were necessary to prepare for law school – courses in logic, English (to help with writing), accounting, and history.

After finishing law school, he clerked for Circuit Judge John Waller and then practiced with the Turner Padgett law firm in Florence. He then later practiced law with his wife Faye Vinson before joining the McDougall and Self law firm in their Florence office. Not long after that, he was elected to be a family court judge in 2004.

He attributes his success to first his preparation for medical school and his other courses at FMU, and without that background he doesn't think he would have had the success that he has enjoyed.

Vinson has also taken time to give back to his Alma Mater serving as FMU Alumni President and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Francis Marion University Foundation. Beyond that, he has served the community as well through such organizations as the Board of the Florence Symphony Orchestra, the Master Works Choir and the Florence Kiwanis Club.

On the professional level, he is active in the South Carolina Bar serving as a member of the House of Delegates and as a member and former chair of the Family Law Section Council. He is a member and past chair of the South Carolina Bar Law Related Education Committee.

As he sits in his office on the 10th floor of the Florence City County Complex and reflects on his time at FMU and what it meant to him, he attributes the small classes, excellent faculty and the overall supportive atmosphere of everyone there.

And what would he tell students considering FMU today? "It's a beautiful campus, a great faculty – a faculty with a high number of doctorates, smaller classes and you get to know your classmates and teachers."



**Heather
Ammons
Crawford and
husband Cam**

The Right Legislator

The names have been heard. The faces have been seen. The party affiliation is disclosed. Still, after months of hearing the platforms of various candidates, the mind of voters can find itself in a political haze.

We present to some and introduce to others the latest to surface in the political arena among the Francis Marion University alums, S.C. Rep. Heather Ammons Crawford (R-Horry).

A native of the Grand Strand in Horry County, Ammons Crawford graduated from Socastee High School. She went on to earn degrees from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and FMU.

The Right Author

Known by many as the encourager, FMU alumni De'Angela Haynes (2006) has authored several books that chronicle her life story. Haynes said that every individual has a powerful story to tell. Sharing how she came to Jesus and the difference He's made in her life can help others discover how they, too, can know God personally, she added. Her desire was to have her story reach the masses. One problem though... how do you distill a lifetime of experiences into a few minutes and communicate the significance of your faith in a way others can understand?

Haynes does this through her writing. She begins her first book, "Encourage Yourself in the Lord," with her birth on June 24, 1979 to unwed, teenage parents. By the age of 19, her mother had already miscarried a set of twins and given birth to Haynes' older sister, Donna. She would later give birth to another daughter. Because her grandmother died when her mother was only four years old and her father was serving in the military, a family who was not biologically related reared Haynes' mother. That same family cared for she and her other siblings.

Though they lived many places in Marion including a trailer park and the projects, it was the home on Jackson Street where the blended family lived the greater part of Haynes' childhood. The house was little more than sticks on the inside and "stones" which made up the interior ambiance of the home.

Growing up in a rural community, she gained an appreciation for the interconnectedness of communities, especially the church. At an early age, Haynes knew God placed a call on her life. It was



De'Angela Haynes

in the pews of Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church that she was first introduced to the word of God. There she also sang on the Sunbeam Choir. It was at the age of 15 that Haynes said her life was changed forever. She joined the gospel choir and later the Black History Choir at Marion High School under the direction of Bishop Michael Blue. In this class, she learned the history of gospel music and also began to discover many other gifts she possessed – an artist, athlete, writer, musician and a follower of Jesus Christ.

Haynes is now a teacher at Lucy T. Davis Elementary School in Florence.

She holds the bachelor's degree from FMU.

Upon graduating from FMU in 2005, where she served as the College Republican Chairman during her junior and senior years, she decided to return home to Socastee. Since then she co-founded the Grand Strand Young Republicans and served as chair for two years. Additionally, Ammons Crawford served as the Horry County Executive Committeeman for the S.C. Republican Party from 2009-2011.

As a pro-life advocate, Ammons Crawford has enjoyed serving on the board of the Grand Strand Citizens for Life and has spent a considerable amount of time fundraising for LIFE and other conservative causes. Ammons Crawford has been a member of the National Rifle Association since 2003 and is an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment. In terms of fiscal matters, she is a staunch conservative, believing that government has an obligation to refrain from spending more than it takes in. Ammons Crawford was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 2012 in a special election. She was then re-elected to serve her first full term in the General Assembly last November.

"Over the years, I've watched with great expectations, the robust growth our unique and burgeoning community has

experienced. As a native of Horry County, I'm proud to call the Grand Strand my home, and I'm committed to its further development as a great place for people to live, work, raise a family and visit. A strong Grand Strand for us equals a stronger South Carolina for everyone."

Currently Ammons Crawford serves as the S.C. National Committeewoman for the Young Republican National Federation and has spent a number of years engaging the youth in her local community and across the country.

Ammons Crawford has also played an active role in her church, Garden City Baptist, where she served as Director of Kingdom Kid's, her church's child development center. From 2005-2006, Ammons Crawford served as Chief of Staff for S.C. Representative Alan Clemmons in Myrtle Beach and has had the opportunity to work with various community and business leaders on a host of different projects. Over the years she has worked on a variety of campaigns at the local, state, and national levels. In May of 2011, she married her companion and best friend, Cam Crawford.

Campus News

FMU named among South's Best Universities for the twelfth consecutive year



Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the South's best regional universities earning it a spot in the 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News Media Group*.

Since 2001, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked FMU among the South's best universities. "Once again we're honored to be named in the top tier of America's Best Colleges in the 2013 edition of the *U.S. News & World Report*," said FMU President Fred Carter. "This ranking reflects the quality of our curriculum, teaching and scholarship and is yet another accolade for our esteemed faculty."

As a regional university, FMU is listed among schools that provide a full range of undergraduate majors and master's programs. The 625 universities in this category are ranked against members of their peer group in one of four geographic regions—North, South, Midwest, and West—because, in general, they tend to draw students most heavily from within the region.

U.S. News categorizes colleges and universities according to their mission, Carnegie classification, and geographic region. The rankings are based upon undergraduate academic reputation, graduation & retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni contributions. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

The exclusive rankings, which include more than 1,600 schools nationwide, are available at www.usnews.com/colleges and were published in the September 2012 issue of the *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

Center of Excellence wins national award

The Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty won a 2012 Partnership Organization Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University. The COE was recognized for its work that led to the establishment of the Add-On Certification for teachers of children of poverty.

In addition, the COE, a member of NNPS, provided detailed descriptions of specific strategies that it conducts to help districts and schools improve their plans and programs of family and community involvement to support school improvement goals. Essential elements include teamwork, leadership, goal-linked plans for action, implementation, facilitation, evaluation, and network connections, which resulted in two local schools earning national recognition as well.

The center assists districts and schools in various ways. Those include training teachers in the conduct and use of research to increase their ability to make data-based decisions, linking research directly with professional development, and helping teachers understand parents who live in poverty and the community resources that are available to them.

The COE will continue to advocate policies to strengthen the programs and personnel in our districts and schools, said Tammy Pawloski, director of the COE.

"It is no surprise that the center earned this honor that recognizes our activities which are designed to support local districts in their efforts to build and sustain family and community partnerships and promote the success of teachers



Front row from left: Regina Pompey, Brenda Hill, Kristy Taylor, April Hyatt. Back row from left: Tammy Pawloski, Lane Wallace, Markey Bee

of children of poverty," said Pawloski. "Under the leadership of Markey Bee, associate director, this segment of center services continues to grow."

This is the fifth year the center has earned this recognition, and according to Pawloski, it is due in large part to the work of Bee.

"We are so honored to receive this award," said Bee. "Our focus has always been on the development of effective, goal-oriented partnership practices leading to excellence in the teaching of children of poverty. This award confirms our commitment to the needs of this community."

For information about FMU's COE, contact Bee at 843-669-1826. For information on NNPS, visit the National Network of Partnership Schools website.

Chief U.S. District Judge and two electric cooperative leaders receive honorary degrees

The Chief U.S. District Judge in South Carolina and the leaders of two electric cooperatives were awarded honorary degrees from Francis Marion University during fall commencement ceremonies in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees were: Chief U.S. District Judge Margaret B. Seymour; Floyd Keels, president and chief executive officer for Santee Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Toy Nettles, president and chief executive officer for Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Seymour, who also delivered the commencement address, has been the Chief U.S. District Judge for South Carolina since January 2012. Prior to her appointment to the position of U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina on Oct. 30, 1998, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Florence Division, District of South Carolina from 1996 to 1998.

Prior to assuming the bench, she served in the Office of the U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina, from December 1990 until May 1996. Judge Seymour served as interim U.S. Attorney from January to May 1996 and also from April to May 1993, was chief of the Civil Division from June 1992 to May 1996, and an assistant U.S. attorney in the Civil Division from 1990-1992.

Judge Seymour spent a number of years in private practice in Columbia. Prior to relocating to South Carolina, she was a Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 1980-1988; Attorney Advisor with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of Systemic Programs, 1979-1980; and held numerous policy positions with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1967-1979.

A native of Washington, D.C., she received a bachelor of arts degree from Howard University in June 1969 and a juris doctorate from The American University in June 1977.

Keels, an established veteran with more than 35 years in the electric utilities industry, oversees planning, organizing and directing the day-to-day operations of the cooperative, Santee Electric, which provides power to nearly 45,000 accounts in Clarendon, Florence, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties.

Keels joined Santee Electric in April 1998 as the assistant general manager, bringing 25 years of responsible experience in operations, management and leadership positions from Progress Energy's predecessor, Carolina Power & Light. He assumed responsibilities as president and chief executive officer for Santee Electric in May 1999. He is a board member of First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Central Electric Power Cooperative, the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Lower Florence County Hospital, Rotary Club of Lake City, the North Eastern Strategic Alliance and Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church of Sumter. He is past board member of the Coker College Board of Trustees, Exchange Bank of

South Carolina and the FMU Foundation. In 2003, Keels was appointed by Gov. Mark Sanford to serve on his Commission on Management, Accountability and Performance.

A native of South Carolina, Keels attended the University of Wisconsin, the University of South Carolina and earned the bachelor of business management and the master of business administration degrees with honors from Golden Gate University. Keels is also a decorated military veteran. Floyd and his wife, Bessie, have one son and a granddaughter.

Nettles became the president and chief executive officer of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc., on Aug. 25, 2005. Prior to that, he served as acting manager, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc., (July 1, 2005-August 25, 2005). He also served as assistant chief executive officer and vice president; and vice president of economic development, legal, and government affairs. He was director of legislative affairs/deputy legal counsel, Office of the Governor, State of South Carolina, 1999-2003.

He served in the S.C. House of Representatives from 1982-1992, where he was a member of the Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Criminal Laws Subcommittee. He was a partner at Nettles, Turbeville & Reddeck from 1982-1999. He began his legal career in 1979 as a law clerk for The Honorable David W. Harwell, South Carolina Supreme Court.

Nettles graduated from Wofford College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1976, and the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1978. Nettles has been a member, Florence Regional Airport Authority since 1998 and served as its Chairman, from 2003 to 2005. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees, Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc. since 2005 and is currently serving as its Chairman. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees, Cooperative Electric Energy Utility Supply and is a member of the Board of the Francis Marion University Foundation.

He is married with two children.



Seymour



Keels



Nettles

Campus News

Home Grown Artistry



Askins-Moore

By Debra Walters

When Dr. Sharon Moore Askins '74, '79 sent out the call for a gathering of artists and performers in Lake City, several FMU alumni sprang forward to answer it. Among those eager to respond to Dr. Askins and the Lake City Partnership Council, were Staci Purvis Stevens '02, Krystal Gause Fuentes '05, and Dresden Floyd '94.

What these alumni and a group of other like-minded art enthusiasts created was the Greater Lake City Artists Guild. Operating through a grant from the Lake City Community Foundation, they set a goal to motivate and encourage local artists to display their talents, both visual and performance, in the community. In response

to Lake City's upcoming ArtFields 10-day art competition, the newly formed guild wanted to promote local artists well in advance of the groundbreaking extravaganza set to hit the city in April 2013.

With the mission to cultivate, nurture, and grow the visual and performing arts of the greater Lake City area, the guild created opportunities for artists to display their talents, attend workshops, and sell their pieces. Artwork adorns the walls of the Downtown Bakery and the ArtFields office, both venues along busy Main Street. A "Featured Artist" booth has been set up at the Lake City Farmers Market, where during each Thursday in September and October a different artist can create, perform, and sell.

Guild treasurer Krystal Gause Fuentes hopes that through their efforts, they can "provide a platform for artists to showcase and sell their art that might otherwise not exist." President Elect, Staci Purvis Stevens added, "It is important that local artists be afforded the opportunity to maintain a quality of life that incorporates their talent and their community." Fund raising events help the guild maintain a slate of events including gallery shows and workshops.

Board Profile: Gail Ness Richardson

Offices Held:

Secretary,
Vice Chair,
Chair – First
Board of
Trustees
female
chairperson.



Richardson

Committee

Member:

Academic
Affairs,
Development Executive Committees,
served as a Trustee since 1988 - 25 years
in 2013

Current Position: Unemployed – I consider being a trustee my job, second only to being an active grandmother of 9, ages 8 & under.

Previous Position Titles: Taught high school History, English, vocabulary, & SAT Prep; high school Media Specialist, Education Director for S.C. Girls State

Industry or type of Business: public school

Summary "Career" Statement: I love teaching in rural S.C. – in a low socio-economic area. We had students who graduated from Clemson, Duke & NYU. My "claim to fame" was teaching New England Patriot, Troy Brown.

What Attracted You to Serve: I try to live, "To whom much is given, much is expected." My daddy modeled this for me. He was a huge figure in my life. FMU's mission to the people of the Pee Dee inspires me. Our students are the reason we exist – they are who we must serve.

What Others Say About Her: No one supports FMU more generously or avidly than Gail Richardson. Whatever the project - the Center for the Child, the McNair Scholars program, Trustee governance issues - Gail is front and center with enthusiasm, energy and eagerness. She's a remarkable leader and she is utterly devoted to this University and our students.

FMU's SGA President elected governor of S.C. Student Legislature

Cody Simpson, a senior from the Home Branch community of Clarendon County, will follow in the footsteps of former S.C. Gov. Robert McNair, Lee Atwater, U.S. Rep. Liz Patterson, S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster and other notable leaders, serving as governor of the S.C. Student Legislature (SCSL).

Simpson, who is the president of the FMU Student Government Association (SGA), was elected governor by delegates across the state and will take office in January. During his term he will administer the budget, have the authority to sign or veto bills, appoint members of the cabinet and administration and present this session's bill to the governor of South Carolina at a legislative reception in February.

Simpson is a political science major who has always been interested in politics. He graduated in 2009 from Clarendon Hall High School in Summerton where he served as student body president. Upon graduation he enrolled at FMU and served as the SGA treasurer and president pro-tempore of the SGA Senate during his sophomore and freshman years, respectively. He is a member of the Delta Tau Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order and works for his family at W.R. Simpson Farms LLC and in the FMU Foundation Office. He most recently served as the SCSL secretary of state.

The SCSL is a student-run mock legislature. Colleges and universities in the State of South Carolina send delegations to two annual sessions to debate bills and further their knowledge about parliamentary procedure and state government. Dr. Douglas Carlisle founded SCSL in 1956. The organization drafted a constitution and incorporated itself under the motto of "Our Freedom, Our Liberty, and Our Responsibility."

The organization exists to teach its members critical legislative and social skills that propel them to excellence in business, and government. SCSL creates an environment that is uniquely able to educate its members about legislative processes and working with one another to accomplish individual goals.



Simpson

S.C. Sen. Darrell Jackson headlines MLK celebration at FMU



Jackson

Francis Marion University and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce hosted the 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Thursday, Jan. 17.

The keynote speaker for this event was Sen. Darrell Jackson, Sr., who is also pastor of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road.

After graduating from the Richland County public school system (Dreher High School), he earned the bachelor of arts degree in political science with a concentration in public administration from Benedict College.

While a student at Benedict College, he served as president of the Student Government Association, and was the recipient of the Most Distinguished Student Award. He is a 1982 graduate of Columbia International Seminary. In 2000, he received an honorary degree from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and in 2002, he received an honorary doctorate degree from his alma mater, Benedict College of Columbia.

FMU held Pee Dee Fiction & Poetry Festival

The Seventh Annual Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry



Watson and Boss answer questions from the audience at the festival in November.

Festival at Francis Marion University brought four nationally known and bestselling authors to campus. The two-day festival celebrated the works of Todd Boss, Danielle Evans, Nikky Finney and Larry Watson.

Todd Boss is an American poet. He published his first collection of

poetry *Yellowrocket* in 2008 and received rave reviews. *Yellowrocket* was named one of the ten best poetry books of 2008 by the *Virginia Quarterly Review* and was a finalist for the *Minnesota Book Award*. Mr. Boss has received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and a residency with the Ragdale Foundation. He has also been nominated for several Pushcart Prizes. His new book, *Pitch*, was published in 2012.

Danielle Evans is the author of *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self*, a collection of short stories that has received numerous awards and recognition including

being named the co-winner of the 2011 PEN American Robert W. Bingham Prize for a first book. For this collection she also received a National Book Foundation 5 under 35 selection for 2011, and was named the winner of the 2011 Paterson Prize for Fiction and the 2011 Hurston-Wright award for fiction. She also received an honorable mention for the 2011 PEN/Hemingway award. Ms. Evans has been published in *The Paris Review*, *Callaloo*, and *Phoebe*, as well as other magazines and journals.

Nikky Finney a poet originally from South Carolina, received the 2011 National Book Award for Poetry for her collection entitled *Head Off & Split*. Some of her other titles include *The World Is Round*, *Rice*, and *On Wings Made of Gauze*. Ms. Finney is also an inductee in the Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent and a recipient of the Benjamin Franklin Award sponsored by the Independent Booksellers Association.

Larry Watson is a notable American novelist and poet. He has written several novels including *In a Dark Time*, *Montana 1948*, *White Crosses*, *Laura*, *Orchard*, *American Boy*, *Sundown*, and *Yellow Moon*. He also authored the fiction collection *Justice* and a book of poetry, *Leaving Dakota*. Mr. Watson has received numerous awards including the Friend of American Writers Award, New York Public Library Fiction Award, The High Plains Book Award and the Milkweed National Fiction Prize. He has received multiple Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Performing Arts Center hosts FMU Jazz Express featuring a night of 80s music



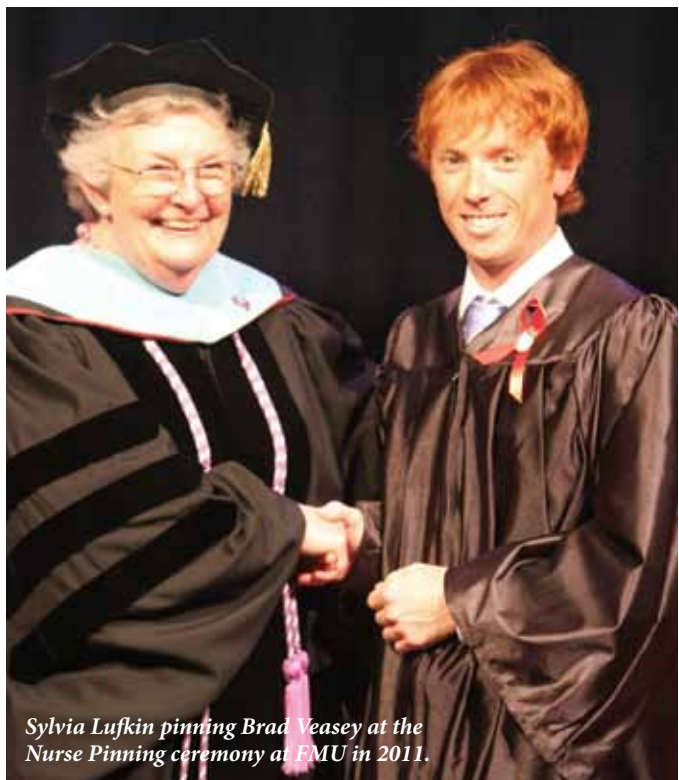
A Fall Social sponsored by the Francis Marion University Alumni Association was held at the FMU Performing Arts Center in November in conjunction with the FMU Jazz Express Band concert.

The concert featured a night of 1980s music where alumni and others enjoyed nostalgic tunes from Def

Leppard, Kenny Loggins, Bon Jovi, Guns n' Roses, Michael Jackson, Van Halen, Rick Springfield, Prince and more performed by FMU's Jazz Express Band along with guest musicians.

While the social was sponsored by the FMU Alumni Association, the event was open to the public as well.

McLeod presents Joseph G. Sylvester Award to FMU nursing alum Brad Veasey



Sylvia Lufkin pinning Brad Veasey at the Nurse Pinning ceremony at FMU in 2011.

McLeod nurse Brad Veasey was named the 2012 Joseph G. Sylvester Award winner during a ceremony at the hospital recently. This was the 33rd year the Sylvester Award has been presented.

The Medical Staff of McLeod Regional Medical Center presents the Joseph G. Sylvester Award annually to a new registered nurse who exemplifies high standards of healthcare and selfless devotion to the nursing profession. The honor includes the presentation of a pin that bears Dr. Sylvester's name.

The three finalists for 2012 were Stacie Bell, Denise Jacobs, and Brad Veasey. They all work in specialized or intensive care units at McLeod and graduated from their respective schools less than two years ago.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester, Dr. Sylvester's wife, offered remarks and conferred the pin on Veasey who received the Bachelor of Science in Nursing from FMU in 2011. McLeod Chief of Staff Dr. C. Dale Lusk presented the Joseph G. Sylvester Award.

Dr. Sylvester's high standard of medical professionalism represented dedication to the provision of excellence in health care. His standards and selfless devotion served as the impetus for the distinguished nursing award that bears his name.

Dr. Sylvester was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1913. A graduate of the Vienna Medical School in 1937, he fulfilled Vienna's licensure requirements before moving to the United States. After practicing in Chicago for one year, he moved to Florence and began his medical practice at the McLeod Infirmary. In 1950, Dr. Sylvester graduated from Duke University, where he was required to take and pass the surgical boards before he continued his medical studies there. He held active staff privileges at McLeod until 1977, when he joined the honorary staff.

FMU trustees approve revisions to strategic plan

A clear direction for how Francis Marion University will draw upon its strengths and distinct advantages was presented during the FMU Trustees' quarterly meeting recently.

After one year of planning, the board unanimously passed a resolution approving a revised strategic plan for FMU.

"Our core purpose – to provide a high value education to South Carolinians – remains the same, and the board has enhanced the strategic plan to focus on the issues we face today," said FMU President Dr. Fred Carter.

The modified strategy embodies six areas of focus - academic quality and excellence; faculty-investment; student development and success; community engagement; modern and safe university environment; and financial sustainability and growth. It includes a total of 13 performance goals and measurable objectives.

FMU will fund the plan's implementation by normal budget allocations, repurposing existing resources and developing new revenue streams.



Kevin R. Gause '00 BBA Marketing



Gause

Written by Debra Walters

With a BBA in Marketing, Kevin R. Gause '00 could have chosen any number of career paths. In his early days at FMU, Kevin thought he might like to be an accountant. What soon became clear though was that he much preferred the idea of getting out into the community, meeting face to face with clients. No future desk job for him.

A Bachelor in Business Administration, with its wide arc of course offerings was just the ticket for Kevin. Through it all, he not only accomplished great things in the classroom, but also in the extras that made up his complete college experience. Active in academic societies as well as his fraternity, he was well prepared for the workforce and the larger community as graduation approached.

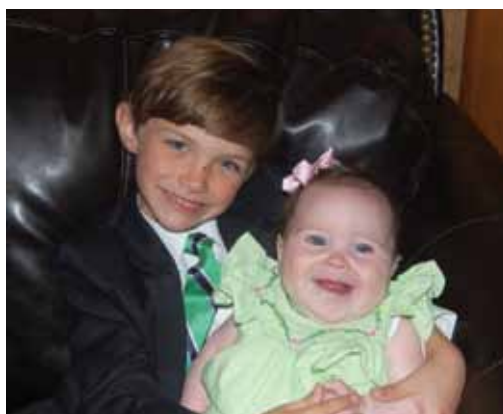
During his years at FMU, one professor, Dr. Kay Lawrimore, provided him with constant guidance and encouragement. Perhaps the greatest compliment a professor can earn is the one given to Dr. Lawrimore by Kevin; "she not only made me a better business person; she made me a better person."

Since graduation, Kevin has worked in the banking industry, utilizing his degree and his experiences right here at home. He recently accepted the position of Area Executive, Commercial Banking at TD Bank in Florence. In his community, Kevin is an active Board Member of the Florence Kiwanis Club, served as the Board Chairman of the Pee Dee Coalition Friend's, was a member of the Florence Downtown Development Finance Committee, completed the Executive Leadership of Florence Program with the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Central United Methodist Church of Florence. Kevin's wife, Maggie '03,'09 is a Human Resource Manager at FMU and the couple have two children, Nathan and Sarah.

Kevin has been an integral part of the FMU Alumni Association Board since 2010, earning the 2011 Leadership Award. When the FMU Baseball team bested the University of South Carolina Gamecocks during the inaugural game of the newly finished Cornell Field, Kevin was right there in the stands, wearing his FMU visor, proudly cheering on his Patriots.



Gause with his two children, Sarah and Nathan at Easter.



Nathan holds his baby sister, Sarah.



Sarah, Maggie, Kevin and Nathan Gause.



Brown '97 BS Sociology, '11 BSN

Written by Debra Walters

"Consultation, not confrontation." FMU Campus Police Officer Tim Brown '97, '11 employs that mindset as he patrols and protects the grounds and the people of the University. Using his twenty-five years of experience as a police officer plus his degrees in sociology and nursing makes Tim an exceptional success story.

Tim began serving as a campus police officer in 1987. His time in law enforcement, and an associate degree in criminal justice got him thinking about enrolling in law school. The first step was to earn his bachelors' degree. Working nights on campus and attending classes during the day was difficult but he proved not only that it could be done, but also that it could be done well. Graduating with his BS in Sociology in 1997, Tim realized that law school was not where he was heading but that his educational path wasn't over quite yet.

After completing the RN degree at Florence-Darlington Technical College, he enrolled in the RN to BSN Program at FMU. As a police officer Tim had met just about every professor on campus, but his time as a student let him experience them as teachers. When reflecting on his time in the classroom, two professors stand out in his memory: Dr. Richard Chapman and Dr. Mark Blackwell. In the history classroom, Tim recalled how Dr. Chapman "took us to the history; we were right there." Signing up to take Dr. Blackwell's New Testament course proved to be a great choice for Tim as well.

When asked how his work experience and his education interact, Tim was quite animated with his response: "if you heal the mind, the body will follow." Wise words from a man who has oftentimes seen people at their worst, but who chooses to focus on how to help them regain their best.

McKee receives alumni award from Biology

John C. McKee, D.D.S. ('77), was honored by the Francis Marion University's Department of Biology with an outstanding alumni award during a reception Oct. 9 on the FMU campus.

McKee received the John S. Boyce Award, named after one of the Biology Department's first chairpersons. This is the seventh year the Biology Department has held this recognition of outstanding graduates of the biology program.

McKee graduated from Southside High School in 1973, from FMU in 1977, and from the Medical University of South Carolina School of dentistry in 1981. He established his private practice in Florence in 1982 and has practiced for thirty years.

He married the former Beverly Lee of Florence. They have two sons: John-David and Christopher and a new daughter-in-law, Heather. McKee was diagnosed with Parkinson's thirteen years ago and is now practicing part-time. He enjoys duck hunting, fishing and golf.



From left, Dr. Roop and John McKee

Temple receives alumni award

Megan D. Bryant Temple, program director for children's program at the Durant Children's Center, has been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Psychology with an outstanding alumni award in October.

She earned the M.S. in applied psychology in clinical psychology from FMU. Temple earned her B.S. in psychology from Presbyterian College and studied animal behavior at Stirling University in Stirling, Scotland.

In her position, Temple continues to serve as a clinical director but also manages the day-to-day operation of the child advocacy center. She supervises all clinical and non-clinical staff and coordinates with other agencies, entities and communities to provide services and education about child abuse issues.

She also directs the Prevent Child Abuse Pee Dee, a prevention education program in the seven county region.



From left, Megan Temple and Dr. Farrah Hughes

Faculty News

New faculty members

Bryngelson



Davis



George



Hopla



Johnston



Lawson



Lowry



Mixon



A. Noble



M. Noble



Officials at Francis Marion University have announced the addition of 21 new full-time faculty members for the 2012-13 school year.

Dr. Ginger L. Bryngelson of Clemson - assistant professor of physics with a Ph.D. in physics and astronomy from Clemson University; M.S. in physics from Clemson University; and B.S. in physics from Northern Illinois University.

Karenmarie M. Davis of Florence - instructor of nursing with a BSN from the Medical University of South Carolina (FMU) and M.S. in nursing education from MUSC.

Tracy Privette George of Latta - instructor of nursing with an M.S. in nursing (family nurse practitioner program) from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and a B.S. in biology from Davidson College.

Dr. Juliet M. Hahn of Columbia - assistant professor of chemistry with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from State University of New York, and a B.S. in chemistry from USC. *Photo not provided.*

Dr. Deborah L. Hopla of Florence - assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of the FNP Track/MSN program with a DNP and an M.S. from the University of South Carolina; a BSN from MUSC (FMU); and an ADN from West Georgia College.

Dr. Callum B. Johnston of Alexandria, La. - associate professor of education with a Ph.D. in early childhood education from Florida State University and an M.Ed. in early childhood education and a B.S. in education from College of Charleston.

Kelly T. Lawson of Florence - instructor of nursing with an M.S. in nursing from the University of Phoenix, a B.S. in nursing from MUSC (FMU) and an ADN from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Dr. Erik A. Lowry of Florence - associate professor of education with a Ph.D., Ed.S. and M.Ed. in educational administration from USC and a B.S. in elementary education from Francis Marion University.

Julie S. Mixon of Winterville, N.C. - assistant professor of visual arts (photography) with an MFA from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. and a BFA from Barton College in Wilson, N.C.

Dr. Abigail A. Noble of Florence - instructor of mathematics with a Ph.D. in mathematics and an M.S. in applied mathematics from Auburn University and a B.S. in mathematics from LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga.

Dr. Matthew H. Noble of Florence - assistant professor of mathematics with a Ph.D. in mathematics, an M.S. in applied mathematics and a B.S. in mathematics from Auburn University.

Dr. Caroliniana S. Padgett of Athens, Ga. - assistant professor of economics with a Ph.D. in economics from USC and a B.A. in economics from the University of Nevada.

Dr. Kay M. Poston of Noblesville, In. - professor of accounting with a DBA in accounting, an MAcc and a B.A. in English from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville).

April S. Purvis of Florence - instructor of political science. with a J.D. from Florida Coastal School of Law and a B.S. in political science from FMU.

Dr. R. Corey Remle of Winston-Salem, N.C. - assistant professor of sociology with a Ph.D. and M.A. in sociology from Duke University and a B.A. in psychology from New College of Florida.

Amy Rubens of Bloomington In. - assistant professor of English with a Ph.D. and an M.A. in English from Indiana University and a B.A. in English from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Frank Rybicki of Valdosta, Ga. - assistant professor of mass communications with a Ph.D. in rhetoric and communication studies from Duquesne University, an M.A. in communication management from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in radio and television broadcasting from California State University.

Dr. Jesse Q. Sargent of St. Louis, Mo. - assistant professor of psychology with a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience from George Washington University and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Vermont.

Dr. Chunyun Wang of Bloomington, In. - assistant professor of education with a Ph.D. in health behavior from Indiana University, an M.S. in exercise science from Beijing Sport University and a B.S. in physical education from Wuhan Institute of Physical Education.

Dr. Cedric Worman of Gainesville, Fl. - assistant professor of biology with a Ph.D. and M.S. in biology from the University of Florida and a B.S. in animal ecology from Iowa State University of Science and Technology.

Dr. Shayna A. WRIGHT of Columbia - assistant professor of biology with a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from USC and a B.S. in neuroscience from Furman University.



Padgett



Poston



Purvis



Remle



Rubens



Rybicki



Sargent



Wang



Worman



WRIGHT



Gardner

Southern lore author stops by Johnsonville library

Written by Matt McColl

Taking a drive down Highway 261 or 378, you may find your mind wondering what stories the pavement and the small towns surrounding them hold.

From Darlington to Johnsonville, the stories are there. From the volunteer fire-fighters that find a dead body floating on the banks of the Great Pee Dee River, to the man who buys a pair of prized coonhounds, only to tragically lose them, the stories of your neighbor, cousin or complete stranger are all there.

They're also in a new book authored by Phillip Gardner, a Francis Marion University English professor in his new book "Somebody Wants Somebody Dead," who takes the dark motif and arranges it in suspenseful, tender and even humorous situations.

Gardner, primarily a short story author, has one other collection of works to his name – "Someone To Crawl Back To" – visited the

Johnsonville Public Library Thursday, Sept. 6 for a question and answer session with a number of readers.

Reading through a handful of stories at the library, Gardner described the book as something that crosses multiple genres and emotions.

"It is a collection of 12 stories and in terms of tone, they range from kind of psychological thrillers and maybe even kind of a horror story, to absurd humor," he said. "The span of the kinds of stories that are in there is broad, but they're united by the theme of the title (of the book – 'Somebody Wants Somebody Dead')."

The book follows characters that could walk out of the Shady Rest in Johnsonville one day and drop a boat into Lynches River the next.

One of the marquee stories follows two volunteer firefighters perusing the Great Pee Dee River that happen to come upon a dead body too large for the pair to manage out of the body of water.

While the subjects in the book can hardly be colored in black and white, there are clear-cut good and bad guys, each with differing degrees of empathy directed their way.

"Thematically, it deals with people who would kind of like to see somebody else dead," he said. "There are a lot of unlikable people in these stories, but I've found that what separates the good guys from the bad guys – and there are some really flawed ones... – they have the capacity to love. They want to, but they don't know how to. The bad guys don't have that capacity."

Gardner said the characters within the book, while entirely fictional, are derived from people, places and things he sees throughout the Pee Dee.

Being immersed in the culture and traditions of the Pee Dee, Gardner said he could not think of a better place to draw his inspiration from.

Gardner said the stories themselves, while taking place in locations that definitely do exist, the characters are drawn from people that just might exist.

"Most of these stories are located around this area," he said. "I write stories that are located in other places, but I think that if you live someplace, you absorb the nuances of that culture. It just becomes kind of natural as your imagination works."

While it might be easy to dismiss the man driving the wrecker down the road early in the morning as just another soul on the road at an untimely hour, Gardner disagrees.

"If you look around, human beings, where ever you are, they are full of stories. They are stories," he said.

"Somebody Wants Somebody Dead" is available for purchase on Amazon.com. To obtain a signed copy, contact Gardner through his website, <http://www.phillipjgardner.com>.

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Hester

First generation grad heads Richardson Center for the Child

They've made it, against daunting odds. But once first generation students - undergraduates whose parents did not earn a college degree - arrive on campus, they often struggle. Studies have shown that first-generation students are more likely to encounter academic, financial, professional, cultural and emotional difficulties than are students whose parents attended college.

A large percentage of them can be found on our campus. The difference is, somehow they tend to thrive at FMU. For the little

boy reared in Greenville by a father who worked in the mills and a mother who worked in sewing rooms, FMU was the perfect fit. Dr. John Hester didn't come as an undergraduate though. Instead, he came as a member of the FMU faculty in 1980.

His upbringing was ample preparation for him to teach the students at FMU. While in college, Dr. Hester spent his summers in cotton. His mission of 100% employer satisfaction became his highest priority.

Taking that mindset into the classroom, he strove for 100% student satisfaction - within the confines of academic integrity, of course - and achieved great results. Dr. Hester found, oddly enough, that students love feeling important, valued, respected, and honored. Through the resulting connection, students willingly transform into vessels of learning in his classroom.

Currently, Dr. Hester serves as chair of the Department of Psychology and director of the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child - an on-campus childcare facility serving 60 preschool children six weeks to four years of age. FMU students take classes and engage in applied experiences at the Center. There also is a research, clinical, and training clinic and student workspace. Dr. Hester teaches introductory psychology and senior seminar as well.

Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1980, Dr. Hester, a native of Greenville, earned the B.A. degree in psychology from Clemson University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in school psychology from the University of South Carolina. He is the department chair for psychology, a nationally certified school psychologist, and has worked in private practice, consulting with individual clients and area school districts, for more than 20 years, including time spent as a practicing school psychologist in Richland School District 2.

Hanson named chair of Mass Communication



Hanson

By Veronica Starks, Senior editor of The Patriot (Student newspaper)

Francis Marion University has named Associate Professor Tim Hanson the new Chairman of the Department of Mass Communication.

Hanson brought his experience and expertise in journalism to Francis Marion University in 1996. Before he joined Francis Marion University, he was a newspaper writer, wire service reporter, magazine editor, news bureau chief and foreign correspondent. Hanson became the Chairman after working under Don Stewart, the first full time mass communication professor. Stewart passed away last year which made Hanson next in line to pursue being the Chairman of the Mass Communication Department.

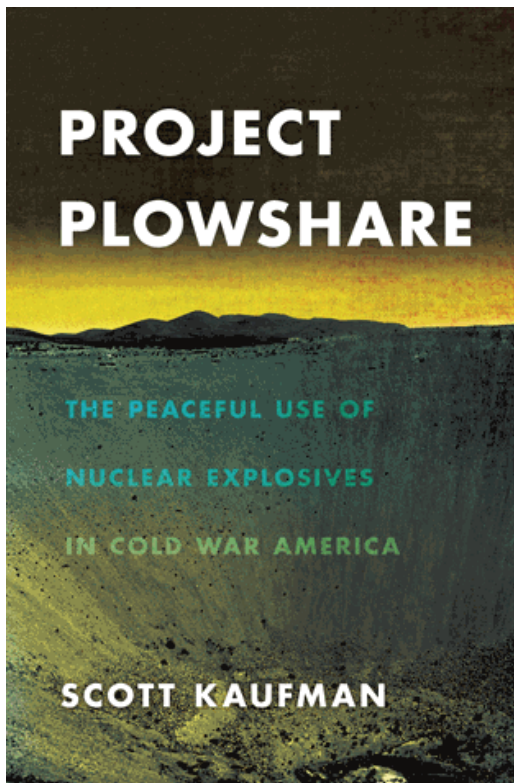
Francis Marion University's Provost Richard Chapman said he is pleased to know Hanson was promoted as the new chairman.

Hanson received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Eastern Washington University. He earned his master's degree from University of Montana's school of journalism in Missoula. He also has experience as working in the field for investigative reporting. Throughout his work experience, he has traveled to many countries in Asia and even spent almost 10 years living there. During his time there, he worked as the managing editor of the Asian edition of Reader's Digest.

During his time in the field of journalism, he has received several awards concerning his writing and his attributes. His writing was above reproach when he was awarded for his investigative reporting by the Society of Professional Journalists. This specific award was about a man who was arrested for kidnapping and armed robbery. In the awarded article, Hanson publicized with evidence that the police arrested the wrong man.

The Mass Communication Department prides itself on offering four specialties such as print journalism, broadcast journalism, news convergence and public relations. The professors allow students the opportunities for internships at WBTW news station as well as the Florence Morning News.

Book on peaceful use of atomic bombs



Cornell University Press recently released “Project Plowshare: The Peaceful Use of Nuclear Explosives in Cold War America,” written by Dr. Scott Kaufman, FMU professor of history and co-director of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History.

Inspired by President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s “Atoms for Peace” speech, scientists at the Atomic Energy Commission and the University of California’s Radiation Laboratory began a program called Plowshare in 1957. Joined by like-minded government officials, scientists, and business leaders, champions of “peaceful nuclear explosions” maintained that they could create new elements and isotopes for general use, build storage facilities for water or fuel, mine ores, increase oil and natural gas production, generate heat for power production, and construct roads, harbors, and canals. By harnessing the power of the atom for nonmilitary purposes, Plowshare backers expected to protect American security, defend U.S. legitimacy and prestige, and ensure access to energy resources.

Extensive research by Kaufman in nearly two-dozen archives in three nations explains how science, politics, and environmentalism converged to shape the lasting conflict over the use of nuclear technology. Indeed, despite technological and strategic promise, Plowshare’s early champions soon found themselves facing a vocal and powerful coalition of federal and state officials, scientists, industrialists, environmentalists, and average citizens. Skeptical politicians, domestic and international pressure to stop nuclear testing, and a lack of government funding severely restricted the program. By the mid-1970s, Plowshare was, in the words of one government official, “dead as a doornail.” However, the thought of using the atom for peaceful purposes remains alive.

Kaufman is the author of several other books, including “Plans Unraveled: The Foreign Policy of the Carter Administration” and “The Pig War: The United States, Britain, and the Balance of Power in the Pacific Northwest, 1846–72.”

He earned the B.A. degree from Kansas State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio University.

A copy of the book is available through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), Barnes and Noble, and Cornell University Press.



Kaufman

FMU Nursing Chair releases book on testing fundamentals



Wittmann-Price

Springer Publishing in New York has released "Fundamentals of Nursing Test Success: An Unfolding Case Study Review," written by Chair of Francis Marion University's Department of Nursing Dr. Ruth A. Wittmann-Price.

Dr. Wittmann-Price co-wrote the book with Frances Cornelius, associate clinical professor, chair of the Master of Nursing (MSN) Advanced Role Department and coordinator of Clinical Nursing Informatics Education at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Based on a philosophy of active learning, this innovative text uses unfolding case studies as a compelling vehicle for learning fundamental nursing content. The book provides engaging test review preparation for course success and NCLEX-RN test success. For two consecutive years, 100 percent of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates at FMU have passed the NCLEX-RN licensure examination on their first attempt under the leadership of Dr. Wittmann-Price.

She is co-editor and chapter contributor of three books, Nursing Education: Foundations for Practice Excellence (2007) (American Journal of Nursing {AJN} Book of the Year Award winner), The Certified Nurse Examination (CNE) Review Manual (2009), and NCLEX-RN EXCEL Test Success through Unfolding Case Study Review (2010).

She has also published Fast Facts for Developing a Nursing Academic Portfolio (2012), Nursing Concept Care Maps for Safe Patient Care (Oct. 2012) and Maternal-Child Nursing Test Success: An Unfolding Case Study Review (with Francis H. Cornelius) (2011). Her chapter "The role of the educator," in Role Development for Doctoral Advanced Nursing Practice (Dreher, M. & Glasgow, M. E. S., Eds.) contributed to the book winning the AJN Book of the Year Award, 2011. Dr. Wittmann-Price has also published numerous articles and presents nationally on nursing educational topics as well as offering a Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) review course with Dr. Linda Wilson, assistant dean for special projects, simulation and CNE accreditation at Drexel University.

Dr. Wittmann-Price earned an associate's degree in applied science and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Felician College in Lodi, N.J. in 1978 and 1981, respectively. She received a master's degree as a perinatal clinical nurse specialist from Columbia University in New York in 1983. Dr. Wittmann-Price completed her doctorate in nursing science at Widener University in Chester, Pa. in 2006.

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FMU announces tenure and promotion of faculty

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2012-13 academic year.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Dr. Scott S. Brown, political science and geography and Dr. Russell E. Ward Jr., sociology.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Dr. Richard A. Almeida, political science and geography; Dr. Joseph Aniello, business; Dr. Alena N. Eskridge-Kosmach, history; Dr. Kathryn G. Haselden, education; Mr. Charles E. Jeffcoat, fine arts; Dr. Daljit Kaur, education; Dr. Shawn R. Smolen-Morton, English, modern languages and philosophy; Dr. Matthew W. Turner, English, modern languages, and philosophy; Dr. Lance E. Weldy, English, modern languages and philosophy.

Earning tenure are: Dr. Richard A. Almeida, political science and geography; Dr. Joseph Aniello, business; Dr. Karen L. Coughenour, education; Dr. Alena N. Eskridge-Kosmach, history; Nathan E. Flowers, library; Dr. Kathryn G. Haselden, education; Charles E. Jeffcoat, fine arts; Dr. Daljit Kaur, education; Dr. Susan D. Peters, business; Dr. Shawn R. Smolen-Morton, English, modern languages, and philosophy; Dr. Matthew W. Turner, English, modern languages, and philosophy; Dr. David C. Szurley, mathematics; and Dr. Lance E. Weldy, Department of English, modern languages and philosophy.

Staff News

Lloyd, Timmons named Outstanding Employees

Violet Lloyd of Florence and Lynn Timmons of Effingham have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.



Lloyd

Lloyd is a lead custodian who has worked for the university for nearly 18 years. Timmons has been employed at FMU for more than 15 years and is a administrative associate for financial services. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Luther F. Carter presented Lloyd and Timmons with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for employees.

Lloyd was cited for her selfless service, professionalism and dedication to duty, in addition to her superior skill and care in her work. In her free time she raises money to support the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and enjoys cheering on the FMU baseball team.

It is her compassion and thoughtfulness toward others that sets Timmons apart from others, according to her colleagues. Known as the "keeper of the books", Timmons schedules the use of facilities with an eye to the faculty, administration, staff, students and the public.

Yvonne G. Davis of Florence, acquisitions coordinator in Rogers Library, was cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Howard M. Byrd Jr., senior programmer/analyst; Wendy M. Moore, cataloging coordinator; and Derrick E. Young, director of recreation and evening programs.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Curtis Cato, estate groundskeeper; Larry B. Falck, media production and instructional designer; Evone Legette, custodian; Christopher S. Moore, police sergeant; Sherry A. Owens, administrative assistant for chemistry, physics and astronomy; Susan T. Skinner, administrative associate; Cathy J. Swartz, director of accounting services; and Janie K. Williams, graphic designer.



Timmons

The following 15 employees received retirement awards from FMU: Robert C. Barrett, executive director of the Francis Marion University Trail Commission; Judy Bird, help desk coordinator; Elenor Boardwine, custodian; Randolph Brown, maintenance assistant; Allison Corbett; Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, safety and workers' compensation; Mary Dargan, custodian; Elizabeth Gould, director of human resources services; Sheron Jacobs, director of telecommunications and asset management; Susan Johnson, administrative assistant for campus technology; Marianne Langley, administrative coordinator of the Northeastern Strategic Alliance; H. Elizabeth McLean, registrar; Frances B. Roberts, child care director for the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child; Damon Runion, supervisor of academic and support for Buildings/Zone Maintenance; and Marion "Spyder" Webb, athletic trainer.



Sports Shorts



Golf

The Patriots concluded the fall portion of their 2012-13 season with three Top-10 finishes in five events. FMU placed a season-best fifth at Western Carolina's Hummingbird Intercollegiate. Senior Kenneth Svanum (Skoppum, Norway) competed in all five tournaments and registered a 74.78 stroke average. Sebastian Backlund (Bollebygd, Sweden) was named to the list of

Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholars for the 2011-12 season, becoming the eighth Patriot golfer to earn national academic honors.

Men's Soccer

Francis Marion posted a 5-9-2 record, exceeding its win total from the previous season. Five of the losses were by one goal. Eight different freshmen started for the young Patriot squad in 2012. Senior midfielder Chuy Cruz (Austin, TX) was named to the first-team Capital One Academic All-District III Team. Cruz and sophomore defender Leonardo Chaves (Bogota, Colombia) both earned Peach Belt Conference All-Academic Team honors. Junior defender Simon Nett (Grimstad, Norway) was twice honored as the conference's Defensive Play of the Week during the 2012 campaign as the Patriot defense dropped its goals allowed total from 42 in 2011 to 32 this season.

Women's Soccer

FMU moved into its new facility with an unbeaten 2012 home season – only the fourth in team history. The Patriots posted their best overall mark in five seasons, 7-9-1, and that mark included three losses to BCS-member schools that all advanced to the NCAA Division I Tournament. FMU was led by junior midfielder Yasmin Bunter (Fleet, England) with seven goals and four assists and freshman goalkeeper Taylor O'Berry (Jacksonville, FL) with 102 saves, four shutouts, and a 2.06 goals against average. The program also learned that it earned a NSCAA College Team Academic Award for the 2011-12 school year, the eighth time in the past nine years FMU has garnered such an award.



FMU's Rebecca Hoekstra



Volleyball

A young Patriot squad recorded their best record in four years (18-12), tied for fourth in the PBC standings, and narrowly missed earning a bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament. Liz Drewry (Richmond, VA), the team's lone senior, averaged 3.17 kills, 2.49 digs, and 0.42 service aces per set. Junior setter Kailey Smith (Sumner, WA) was named the PBC Specialist of the Week once during the 2012 season. Prior to the season, FMU learned that it had earned an AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2011-12 year, the third consecutive season the program garnered the honor.

Men's Cross Country

The Patriots finished ninth in the team standings at the Peach Belt Conference Championship Meet. Senior Ian Wallace (Fort Mill, SC) led FMU at the conference meet with an 18th-place finish, and ended his career being the top Patriot finisher in each of the past 21 races dating back to 2010. This year, he posted three Top-15 finishes including winning the FMU Invitational Meet in September. He registered a season-best 8,000-meter time of 26:52.85 at the Charlotte Cross Country Invitational Meet and in the process bettered his personal-best time by 1:25 and recorded the 21st-fastest 8K time in program history. A history major, he also earned PBC All-Academic Team recognition. FMU registered four Top-10 team finishes in 2012, including a win in the Patriots' own invitational meet.

Women's Cross Country

Francis Marion placed 12th at the PBC championship meet as junior Whitney Wagner (Forest, VA) led the Patriots with a 38th-place showing. She has been the Patriots' top runner in 13 of 14 races during her three-year career. During the 2012 season, Francis Marion recorded three Top-10 showings, including a second-place finish at the FMU Invitational Meet. Junior London Barnhill (Hemingway, SC) earned honorable mention PBC All-Academic Team accolades for the second straight year.

Tennis

The FMU women's and men's tennis teams ranked 10th and 20th respectively in the 2012-13 pre-season Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II Top 50 national polls. The two squads are also ranked third and sixth respectively in the Southeast regional rankings. Four Patriots (Alex Caspari, Gavin Davison, Mona Blauen, and Julia Graf) also appear in the individual pre-season rankings.

Athletic News

Athletic Staff Changes

Francis Marion men's basketball head coach Gary Edwards has been named Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations. Edwards is in his seventh season guiding the Patriot men's basketball program, and his 29th year as a college head coach. In addition to his coaching duties, Edwards will now also assist in the administration of the athletic department, including event operations, budgeting, corporate sponsorships, and fundraising.



Edwards

New Head Athletic Trainer

Reghan Boob of Charlotte, N.C., is the University's new head athletic trainer. She succeeded long-time trainer Spyder Webb who retired following the 2011-12 academic year after serving the Patriots for nearly 40 seasons. Boob came to Florence after three seasons as assistant trainer at fellow Peach Belt Conference member Lander University. She earned a B.S. degree in athletic training from Appalachian State University and later a M.A. degree in kinesiology and sport studies from East Tennessee State University.



Boob

New Compliance Director

Ashleigh Combs of Lexington, Ky., is in her first year as compliance director at FMU. Combs monitors a "compliance community" of athletic and academic personnel in order to ensure that the university has institutional control of all athletic activities. She earned a B.S. degree in health and physical education from Murray State University in 2010 and a M.S. degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky University in 2012.



Combs

Francis Marion's Patriot logo available

The athletic logo for Francis Marion University athletics is now available on Fathead.com. The Patriots' logo is among 432 college or university logos. Francis Marion is the first Peach Belt Conference member to have its logo available. To purchase the FMU logo go to www.fathead.com/college/francis-marion-patriots/



Patriot Defender bent on success

Francis Marion sophomore defender Sandy Odembo had a season that would have made even David Beckham proud. The Shelby, N.C., native scored four times on her own corner kicks during the 2012 season. She bent in a corner kick during the second half of a 4-0 home win over USC Upstate, then two days later against Charleston Southern accomplished the same feat twice in the second half to break a 1-1 deadlock and provide the Patriots with a 3-1 victory. She later tacked on a fourth goal and an assist on a second corner to help FMU beat Montreat College. Odembo started all 17 matches at left back and led the Patriots by taking 52 of the team's 76 corner kicks. She helped the Patriots to a 7-9-1 record, the program's best in five seasons.

Former Patriot southpaw makes the Big Leagues

Former Francis Marion University left-handed pitcher Josh Edgin became the first Patriot to occupy a major league roster spot when he was called up from the Triple-A Buffalo Bisons to join the New York Mets in July following the All-Star break. He went on to appear in 34 games, registering a 1-2 record with five holds and a 4.56 earned run average. He struck out 30 batters in 25.2 innings and posted a strikeouts-per-nine-innings mark of 10.52, second-highest on the staff. Left-handed batters hit only .164 against him.



To begin the 2012 spring, he was not originally invited to the major league camp, but was later added and ultimately tossed 10 1/3 scoreless Grapefruit League innings. He then pitched at Double-A Binghamton before moving on to Buffalo, where he pitched alongside former FMU righty Dylan Owen.

Edgin, a native of Three Springs, Pa., was picked by the Mets in the 30th round of the 2010 draft. Earlier that year, he had posted a 6-4 record with a 4.07 ERA for the Patriots. He made 13 starts with two complete games and 65 strikeouts in 84 innings – all team highs. In his first season (2009) at FMU after transferring from Ohio State University, he posted a 4-2 mark with a 4.04 ERA and 57 strikeouts in 69 innings.

Lighting up the Scoreboard

In the preseason leading up to the 2012-13 men's basketball campaign, Patriot head coach Gary Edwards talked about the new style of play he was installing, one that was different from his past years. For this "run-and-gun" style, Edwards said, "We are going to try and launch as many threes as we can. We are not very big in regards to height. In fact, this is the shortest team I have ever coached. We are going to have to force turnovers and take advantage of the three-point arc.

"We are dedicated to playing a fast-paced style, and we had some success running and shooting the ball in the preseason. We have really learned more defensively about what we need to do. We are trapping, pressing, the whole deal. Each preseason game we have done a little better as far as our defensive concepts and our offense has been pretty consistent.

Well for Patriot fans it only took the season opener to make believers of those in the Smith University Center. Against Morris College, Francis Marion raced to a 73-62 lead at halftime, breaking the school record for most points scored in a half. That mark lasted only 20 minutes as FMU poured in 74 second-half markers en route to a 147-138 victory. Less than a week later came a 132-120 win and at the annual Riot at the Rim contest, the Patriots routed Barber-Scotia College 150-76 and set school records for points in a game, points in a half (77), field goals made and attempted (55 of 119), three-pointers made and attempted (21 of 54), steals (32), forced turnovers (56), and margin of victory (74), while tying the mark for assists (34).

Edwards made this game-style change while utilizing a roster that included only four returning lettermen (one starter) from the previous season's 16-12 squad that finished fifth in the Peach Belt Conference's East Division. This year's squad is looking to post the program's fifth straight winning campaign, which would tie the school record.

Entering exams with a 3-1 record, the Patriots led NCAA Division II in scoring offense (126.3 ppg), three-point field goals made per game (17.0), assists per game (28.0), steals per game (19.3), and turnover margin (+15.5 per game).

In Edwards' system of mass substitutions, 14 players are seeing regular playing time with no player averaging more than 22 minutes per game. Five players are averaging in double figures, led by sophomore swingman Dustin Jones at 19.3 points per game and junior guard Evrik Gary (#22 in accompanying picture) at 16.5 ppg.



FMU basketball games to air on Time Warner Cable channel 11

The FMU athletic department recently announced that 23 home basketball games from the 2012-13 season will be televised live on Channel 11 of Florence's Time Warner Cable system. The slate includes 12 women's contests and 11 men's games. Pre-game activities will begin approximately 10 minutes prior to tip-off. In addition to being carried on TV-11, the

games will also be streamed on the internet at www.ustream.tv/fmupatriots. Dr. Hubert Setzler serves as the voice of the Patriots, handling play-by-play duties.



TIME WARNER BROADCAST SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Jan. 2	Augusta State University	5:30 pm	Jan. 2	Augusta State University	7:30 pm
Jan. 10	Columbus State University	5:30 pm	Jan. 10	Columbus State University	7:30 pm
Jan. 12	Georgia Southwestern State University	5:30 pm	Jan. 12	Georgia Southwestern State University	7:30 pm
Jan. 30	Johnson & Wales University *	1:30 pm	Jan. 30	Johnson & Wales University *	3:30 pm
Feb. 2	Flagler College	1:30 pm	Feb. 2	Flagler College	3:30 pm
Feb. 9	Lander University (Think Pink Game)	1:30 pm	Feb. 9	Lander University (Think Pink Game)	3:30 pm
Feb. 14	North Georgia College & State University	5:30 pm	Feb. 14	North Georgia College & State University	7:30 pm
Feb. 16	Young Harris College (HOMECOMING)	1:30 pm	Feb. 16	Young Harris College (HOMECOMING)	3:30 pm
Feb. 27	UNC Pembroke (Senior Night)	5:30 pm	Feb. 27	UNC Pembroke (Senior Night)	7:30 pm

*Not a Peach Belt Conference Game

Class Notes

1970s

Sarah Pope '76 was a participant in the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU.

1980s

Kathy Heustess '81 has been appointed to the 2012-13 Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Frances "Bunchie" Roberts '81 recently retired as the director of the Richardson Center for the Child at FMU.



Gallman-DeRienzo

Dr. Vivian Gallman-DeRienzo '85 has been chosen to participate in the American Council on Education's workshop "Advancing to the Presidency" designed for senior university administrators who aspire to become university presidents.

Richard Dunlap '86 has been named Director of New Business and Agency Systems at Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co., a Columbia based company.

Dr. Tarek Bishara '88 has been appointed to the McLeod Health Community Board.

Stephen Jones '88 has been appointed to the 2012-13 Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Brenda Arnette '89 was named 2012 Outstanding Counselor of the Year by the South Carolina Counseling Association.

Dr. Deborah L. Hopla '89 has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Nursing and Coordinator of the FNP Track/MSN Program at FMU.

1990s

Matrell Sturkey '90 has been named as Florence School District 1's new Director of Secondary Education.

John Godwin '92 has been promoted to Captain with Direct Jet Charter.

Kelly Lawson '92 has accepted the position of Instructor of Nursing at FMU.

Jeff Helton '93 has been appointed as a member of the 2012-13 Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Moorer '93 received the 2012 President's Award from Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, N.C.

Dr. Benjamin Lamb '94 has joined the staff of Agape Hospice.

Toni McGiboney, RN '94 received the Palmetto Gold Award, designating her as one of South Carolina's top 100 nurses.

Paul Seward '94, '10 has been appointed to the 2012-13 Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer F. Elkins '95, '98 has accepted the position of Instructor of Psychology at FMU.

C. Melinda Fuller '95, '98 has accepted the position of Instructor of Psychology at FMU.

Teresa Jenkins, RN '95 received the Palmetto Gold Award, designating her as one of South Carolina's top 100 nurses.

Dr. Erik Lowry '95 has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Education at FMU.

Lori Smoak '95 presented a flute concert, focusing on sacred music, at Fairmont First Baptist Church in Fairmont.

Larry Roland '96 has been named an Assistant Principal at Wilson High School in Florence.



Tuten

Sam Tuten '96 has been named Principal of Johnsonville High School in Johnsonville.

Toby James Parker '97 and Bridgett Denise Floyd were married on May 5, 2012 in Coward.

Shannon Stephens '97 has been promoted to City Executive in Commercial Banking in Hilton Head by TD Bank.

Dr. Danny Laverne Poston '98 and Morgan Chere Dampier were married on May 19, 2012 in Hartsville.

Mary Dittman '99 has established the Mary Dittman Scholarship at FMU.

Joe Griffin '99 has been promoted to Senior Manager in the Florence office of WebsterRogers.

Carmen Richardson, RN '99 received the Palmetto Gold Award, designating her as one of South Carolina's top 100 nurses.

2000s

Kevin Ives Smith '00 and Jenny Anderson Draffin were married on July 14, 2012 in Columbia.



Poston-Todd

Kevin Todd '00, '04 and **Anna Poston Todd '06, '08** were married on Oct. 13, 2012 in Florence.

Dianne Dennis '01 has joined the Wilson Senior Care Team as the new Director of Marketing. Dianne was also a recent participant in the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU.

Glenn Matthews '01 was named the 2012-13 Teacher of the Year by Florence County School District Three.

Colleen Critcher '02 has accepted the position of Instructor of Art at FMU.

Carrie Ann Martin Brigman '03 accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Williams Middle School.

Stacey Creech '03 has accepted the position of Teaching Assistant in Nursing at FMU.

Nathan Flowers '03 has earned tenure at FMU.

Niketa Patel '03 has accepted the position of Product Manager with CNN Money.

Natalie E. Scarborough '03 has accepted the position of Teaching Assistant in Nursing at FMU.

Andrew Stout '03 was a participant in the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU.

Gretchen B. Whitman '03, '08 has accepted the position of Instructor of Psychology at FMU.

Karenmarie M. Davis '04 has accepted the position of Instructor of Nursing at FMU.

Anna Myers '04 and Chad Shirley were married on July 7, 2012.

Laura Rhoads '04, '06 has accepted a position with Moore, Beauston & Woodham in Hartsville.

Jackie Broach '05 has accepted the position of Public Information Officer with Georgetown County.



Lee-Owen

Heather Ammons Crawford '05 won a special election to fill the remainder of former Rep. Thad Vier's state house term.

Brandon Turbeville '05, author of several books, was recently the guest speaker on "End the Lie Radio with Madison Ruppert."

Steven Cote '06 has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Admissions at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.

Rebecca Culbertson '06 retired from FMU and accepted the position of Director of Music Ministries at Macedonia United Methodist Church in Mullins.

Jennifer Marie Lee '06 and William Brad Owens were married on June 9, 2012 in Darlington.

Kimberly Dawn Moody '06 and **Courtney Quinzel Lilliston '06** were married on June 2, 2012 in Columbia.

Anna Poston Todd '06, '08 and **Kevin Todd '00, '04** were married on Oct. 13, 2012 in Florence.

Anna has accepted a position at FMU as Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

Amanda Memory Pridgen '06 and John Chadwick Llewellyn were married on May 5, 2012 in Florence.



Roland-Cowles

Natalie Renee Roland '06 and David Lynn

Cowles were married on June 25, 2011 in Florence.

Kevin Goodwin '07 has been appointed to the 2012-13 Board of Directors for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Billy Grooms '07 and Julie Faulk were married on April 14, 2012 in Marion.

Amy McAllister-Skinner '07 has been named the South Carolina 2012-13 Teacher of the Year by the SC Department of Education.

Sam Tinsley '07 and Alissa Josephine Cropper

were married on April 21, 2012 at Folly Beach.

Heather Moore Hill '08 has joined the staff of The News Journal as an advertising consultant.

Rodney Owens '08 has accepted a teaching position at Florence Darlington Technical College while working towards a Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Training at the University of Phoenix.



Faulk-Grooms



Benton-Stanton

Lauren Elizabeth Benton '09 and Cody Lee Murphy Stanton were married on April 28, 2012 in Pamplico.



Evans-Timmons

Ginna Leigh Evans '09 and **Joshua Blake Timmons '09** were married on April 21, 2012 in Bennettsville.

Matthew McColl '09 has joined FMU as a professor in Mass Communications

Amanda Martin Sims

'09 and **Daniel Sims '09** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Lorelei McKay, born on June 2, 2012.

2010s

Blake Avant '10 has accepted the position of Director of Marketing and Member Services at the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Bart Flowers '10 has accepted a position with the United States Navy. He was married to Joanna Chapman on Nov. 17, 2012.

Michael Griffin '10 accepted a position as Network Administrator and FOH Engineer with Florence School District 1. He was married to Christie Blaire on Sept. 8, 2012.



Hicks and Shuey

Abigayle Dean Hicks '10 and **Preston David Shuey '11** were married on July 21, 2012 in Marion.

CJ Jones '10 has joined FMU as the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach.

Laurie Perry '10 has accepted the position of Teaching Assistant in Nursing at FMU.



Swaringer

Shametra Swaringer '10 received the 2012 Nurse of the Year Award during the National Nurses Week celebration held at Carolinas Hospital System.

Tiffany D. Wilson '10 has accepted the position of Director of Financial Aid at Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter.

Wellons Mace Williams '10 and Charles McKellar Grantham were married on April 28, 2012 in Marion.



Williams-Grantham

Hugh Garrett '11 married **Rachel Miller '11** in November. He has accepted a position as the Director of Strategic Marketing for Interactivity Marketing in Myrtle Beach.

Joanna Elizabeth Hutto '11 and Randolph Branham Oswalt Jr. (Bran) were married on Sept. 8, 2012 in Florence.



Hutto and Oswalt

Brianna A. Miller '11 accepted the position of Student Services Counselor in the FMU Admissions Office.

Preston David Shuey '11 and **Abigayle Dean**

Hicks '10 were married on July 21, 2012 in Marion.

Harrison Taylor '11 has been accepted into graduate school at Clemson University.



Sherill-Huggins

Blair Carmen Sherrill '11 and Spencer Elliott Huggins were married on May 19, 2012 in Hartsville.

Logan Trively '11 has accepted the position of Account Executive of Advertising and Marketing at Clear Channel Radio.

Dawn Walker '11 has earned for Timrod

Elementary School an International Promising Practices Award as well as being named the Timrod 2012-12 Teacher of the Year.

Katherine Barnette '12 has accepted a position at FMU as Administrative Coordinator and Graphic Designer.

Matthew Buchanan '12 has joined the staff of Staples as a Credit Analyst.

Jonathan Boan '12 has accepted the position of Document Control Assistant at Summit Industrial Construction, LLC

Greg Padilla '12 has joined the staff of Florence County Economic Development Partnership (FCEDP) as Project Manager.

Kaitlyn Grooms '12 has accepted the position of Technical Writer at ACS Technologies.

Shauna Lair '12 has accepted a graphic design position with Southern Graphic Systems.

Hannah Maltry '12 has founded FadeProof Photography in Asheville, N.C.

Michaela Moore '12 has accepted a graphic design position in Knoxville, TN.

Frank Pezzimenti '12 has been accepted into the Medical University of South Carolina's Physical Therapy Assistant program.

Richard J. Smith '12 has accepted a position at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Joseph S. Wagstaff '12 has signed on to be the "Voice of Fleming Stadium" for the Wilson Tobs of Wilson, NC.

Wedding Announcement? Birth Announcement? New Job?

Keep the Alumni Office updated so that we may include your latest news in the *View* magazine. Send us a note or an email and attach a photo, too. Join the online community at www.fmarion.edu/alumni and submit job opportunities, resumes, and find other alums. Fill out the online form at www.fmarion.edu/alumni/form8987.htm, email Julian Young, director of Alumni Affairs at jyoung@fmarion.edu or find us on Facebook at Francis Marion University Alumni Association.



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Upcoming Events for 2013

JANUARY

- 15 **The Glenn Miller Orchestra**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 17 **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Reception**
6:30 p.m., Chapman Aud., McNair Science Building
Reception following in Lee Nursing Building lobby,
Speaker: Sen. Darrell Jackson
- 19 **Gonzalo Bergara Quartet**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Black Box)
- 22 **Soul Street Dance - Breakin' Backwards**, 6:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 25 **The Cooke Book: The Music of Sam Cooke**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)

FEBRUARY

- 4 **Black Heritage Month Program**, 4 – 6 p.m.
McNair Science Building's Chapman Auditorium
- 7 **Darryl Littleton**, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 12 **The Travelin' McCourys**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 12 **School of Education Alumni Awards Reception**
6 p.m., The Cottage, Francis Marion University
- 15 **School of Business Alumni Awards Breakfast**, 7:45 a.m.
Performing Arts Center lobby
- 15 **Patriots on Fire Pep Rally/Bonfire**, 6 p.m., BCM Circle
- 15 **Reception for Alumni and Friends**, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
- 15 **Blue Dogs Concert**, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center
Tickets on sale, call 843-661-4444
- 16 **HOMECOMING**, Full day of events beginning at 10 a.m.,
Smith University Center

- 21 **FMU AAFS Coalition Scholarship Banquet**, 7 – 10 p.m.
Ervin Dining Hall and Palmetto Room
- 23 **Open House**, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Wide
- 28 **Alumni Awards**, 6 - 8 p.m.,
Ervin Dining Hall, Francis Marion University

MARCH

- 8 **Foundation Chairman's Golf Classic**
Country Club of South Carolina
- 3 **Charlotte's Web**, 2 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 16 **Broadway's Next H!T Musical**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 28 **Glenis Redmond**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Black Box)

APRIL

- 5 **The Good Lovelies**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 23 **Neil Berg's 101 Years of Broadway**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 27 **Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart**, 2 p.m.
Performing Center (Black Box)
- 30 **The Water Coolers**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)

MAY

- 2 **Stomp**, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 16 **The Piano Men - Starring Jim Witter**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)
- 23 **Faye Lane's Beauty Shop Stories**, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center (Mainstage)